

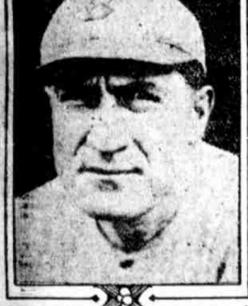
President Baker Decides to Play Leslie, Clever New Orleans Youngster, at the Initial Sack

"BIG ED" KONETCHY GETS HIS PASSPORTS FROM PHILLIES' BOSS

Leslie, Youth Purchased From New Orleans, to Play First Base, Says Baker—Fifteen Hurlers on Staff, Some With Good Records

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

ANOTHER baseball veteran is all set to take the long journey to the minors. Ed Konetchy, sometimes known as "Big Ed," will not be in the major leagues next year. He has served his time—fifteen years of active service—played on five different National League clubs and one Federal League aggregation. In point of service he was one of the oldest men in the Heydler circuit and always gave his best effort.



ED KONETCHY

"Konetchy will not be with the Phils next season," said President Baker yesterday. "I feel the youngster we purchased from New Orleans, will play first base—at least, that is how it looks now. As for Koney we will try to place him with some minor league club as a manager or player. Several clubs are anxious to have him and no doubt he will be taken care of before the season opens. At present he is selling cemetery lots in St. Louis."

Koney stepped into the National League in 1907, when he joined the St. Louis Cardinals. He came from La Crosse, Wis., where he had been playing first base for three years. Ed became one of the leading first-sackers in the league, as he not only hit well, but also was a very good fielder. Pittsburgh drew Koney in a trade in 1914, but he jumped the next year and joined the Pittsburgh Peas. After peacocking for \$4000 and he remained there until 1919, when he was traded to Brooklyn.

The big athlete helped win the pennant in 1920, but last year he began to slow up. Ray Schmandt replaced him at first base and he was placed on the market. The Phils, needing a first-sacker, got him from the Dodgers and he stuck around for the rest of the season.

For a big man Koney was exceptionally fast. He covered a lot of ground and seldom made any errors. He always was dangerous at the plate and opposing pitchers never liked to see him step up in a pinch, swinging that short, stubby bat.

KONEY played 2085 games in the big league and compiled a grand batting average of .280 for fifteen years. He hit .299 last year, which was not so bad. Big Ed is thirty-seven years old, but should be good for several more years in the minors.

Big Pitching Staff

THE Phils will depart for Leesburg, Fla., the latter part of next month. Manager Wilhelm will take a book of pitchers there for one week's preliminary work before the others arrive. There are fifteen hurlers on the roster at present and some coming here with good records. Colonel Snover did well in New England last year and Morgan had a good season in Rochester. Lefty Weiner probably will be reinstated by Commissioner Landis and will be given another trial.

"I believe our pitching staff will be much stronger than last year," said President Baker. Meadows, Hubbell, King, George Smith, Betts, Whynes, Sedgewick and Crandall should get started early and the new men, like Morgan and Snover, have great possibilities. Wilhelm will have them in shape for the opening of the season.

Lefty Baumgartner will be back again. He was sent to Kansas City last season and did very good work. Behan, Pinto and Sullivan are the other pitchers. For catchers we have Henline, Peters and Witherow. The latter was with Newark last year and, although his hitting did not show much of an improvement, his work behind the plate was better and he will be a good third-string man.

"Curtis Walker, the young outfielder secured from the Giants last year, is eager to get started again. It was reported that he was through with baseball when he suffered from kidney trouble last summer, but he wrote me that he had recovered and now weighed twenty-five pounds more than he did last year. He is in his home at Beeville, Tex., and will be one of the first to go to Leesburg.

"Gloide Rupp also has written me that his eyes are well again and he expects to have a flying visit to Mexico.

"It looks as if the infield would consist of Leslie, first base; Jimmy Smith, second; Parkinson, short, and Rapp, third. In case Leslie does not come through Cliff Lee will be given a chance to show what he can do. Lee improved considerably last season.

"The outfield should be strong with Cy Williams, King, Lebourven, Walker and Wrightstone on the job.

Connie Sees a Bull Fight

CONNIE MACK evidently has picked out a real live town to do his real business this spring. Eagle Pass is all "hot up" over the approaching visit of the Athletics and the natives are planning to show them a great time. Connie himself was put through the paces on his last visit and even went so far as to pay a flying visit to Mexico.

Connie said nothing about the visit, but the dope was slipped to us today by Leonard Brooks, of Eagle Pass, the man who was responsible for bringing the A's to the Border.

"You will find enclosed," he writes, "a poster telling of a bull fight held in Piedras Negras, just across the river from Eagle Pass. It was my pleasure to take Mr. Mack to this event and it was the first time he had seen a bull fight. If his players, throughout the season, show as much pep as he did during the fight, the Athletics will win the pennant. They can't help winning if they keep on their toes like their manager."

"Mr. Mack was signally honored after the second bull had been killed. The banderillero, who had successfully placed his two banderillas in the bull's neck as he charged and who received great applause from the crowd, went right up to the maddened animal, pulled out one of the decorated spears and presented it to Mr. Mack from the arena.

"I mention this because, as you know, bull-fighting is the national sport in Mexico for centuries and this manifestation of the clearly demonstrated co-operation Mr. Mack will receive from the Mexicans along the border. It also indicated that those living across the boundary line will support baseball.

"Our ball park is rapidly being put into good shape and a large force of workmen are busy every day. They are fixing up a good infield and outfield and also building a clubhouse.

"WE ARE all ready to receive the ball players and I can assure you that they will receive as cordial and sincere a welcome from Eagle Pass as they ever have experienced in the past in places where they have trained."

Old Fox Still Foxy

THE appointment of Clyde Milan as manager of the Washington Club shows that Clark Griffith is out gunning for the 1922 pennant. Rather than have Peckinpaugh worrying about the affairs of the club, he handed the job to the veteran center-fielder so that Peck could devote his entire time to short-stopping.

Milan has been with Washington since the tail-end of the 1907 season and was regarded as one of the fastest outfielders in the business. He never was a flashy player, but filled his position capably and holds the same position with the fans of the Capital as George Burns used to hold in New York. He has worked under Griffith, knows Griffith's system and will be able to go along with his boss without any trouble.

Improved the team 50 per cent. for it has been years since the Senators had what might be called a high-class shortstop. When McBridge retired from active service, Griff started to experiment and has been at it ever since. O'Neill fopped and O'Rourke did not go so well last year. Now, with Peck at short; Harris at second; Shanks, third, and Ludge on first, the infield will compare favorably with any in the major leagues.

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A DOUBLE WIND-UP

Two Eight-Rounders Feature Ice Palace Program Tonight

Two eight-round bouts and three six-round frays are scheduled on the forty-fray program for the Ice Palace A. C. Friday night and Market streets, this evening. In the first part of the double wind-up a brace of local boys will settle an old feud when the hard-hitting Jimmy Murphy takes on the veteran Johnny Murphy, of West Philadelphia.

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Here Is Koney's Record as Major League Player

K. O. Chaney, of Baltimore, engages Alex Hart, of Cleveland.

Joe Chaney, brother of George, will be seen in the third six-rounder when he meets Joe Koons, of Port Richmond. The other numbers: Billy Pimpus, of Atlantic City, vs. Billy Doyle, and Buddy Fitzgerald vs. Bobby Hobbs.

David vs. Goliath

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ROBINS TO USHER IN NEW GOLF LINKS

Half of Cricket Club's Layout to Be Finished in Spring, Warner's Devotion

BRITISH STARS PETITION

By SANDY MENIBLICK

EIGHTEEN holes of the new golf layout of the Philadelphia Cricket Club will be completed by spring. Just how soon play will be permitted over the new holes is, of course, problematical just as it is at any new course. It all depends on the condition of the turf.

At any rate all of the construction work on the first half of the proposed thirty-six-hole links at Millita Hill will have been finished when the birds cheer once more hereabouts.

There are "golf courses" and "places to play golf." The most famous course in this district is Pine Valley. The story of that course revolves around the late George Crump, who he discovered the site while prowling through the woods there with dog and gun.

How he gave much of his finances and nearly all his working moments to the construction. With unflagging enthusiasm, devotion and nerve George Crump carried that project through to the leading golf course of the country. Few golf courses are fortunate enough to have such a man "behind the gun."

The work of Frank Warner on the new Cricket Club project is the nearest example to George Crump's devotion to a golf ideal that we can think of.

"Busiest Golfer"

Engrossed in his business at the same time, Francis B. Warner has for a number of years been secretary of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, a task that eats up nearly every "spare minute" he has. But when the necessity came at the Cricket Club for a new lay-out Mr. Warner stepped in.

He was instrumental in "putting over" the project at his club, and hardly a day has passed since that he has not been on the ground working as hard as the labor he is hired. He fairly breathes enthusiasm for the new course, his only reward the praise it is getting from the experts who have looked at the nearly finished links.

"Another Pine Valley" is the glowing tribute of nearly all who have seen it.

All of which is an introduction for the thought that the Cricket Club, one of this country are the result of the devoted interest of some one real golf enthusiast, a man who is not content with the plans and specifications, but is on the job from morning till night, the man who sees every blade of grass planted, every hazard built.

Frank Warner is proud of his handiwork, and from the tribute that comes his way he is justly so.

Guliford Going Over

Jesse Guliford has now virtually made up his mind to go abroad in search of another flag at the British amateur. This decision will probably be even firmer if the petition of the British amateurs goes through relative to a change in the playing conditions.

A petition is now in the hands of the committee of the royal and ancient from leading amateurs which asks, in the main, that a qualifying round of thirty-six holes medal play be carried, eighteen holes a day, with eighty to continue after the first day. Thirty-two players would qualify under the new proposal, the match play to be at thirty-six holes.

The petition is signed by John Barr, Roger Wethered, Cyril Tolley, R. H. De Montmorency and other stars over there, whose opinion means a lot. There are few who do not favor the new plan. It is said, among the amateurs over there.

Anyhow the change, if made, would remove the chief objection Americans had to going into the British championship. This was the plan still used last year of no qualifying round, and eighteen hole matches down to the final round.

But British constants want the new plan put through before the next championship.

Just Another Meeting

The annual meeting of the U. S. G. A. was held and that, apparently, was all that happened. All the live questions on the floor were public were evidently carefully avoided.

Nobody knows any more about the stymie, the out-of-bounds or non-ball proposals than before. Or the ribbed club. Or admission being charged to championships. Or international competition. Or this, that and the other.

There is much disappointment here and, it is presumed, in other districts also.

A national meeting is getting to be merely a rollcall.

Boots and Saddle

Ginger, after a long rest from racing, makes his first today at New Orleans. If in condition he should win the field in the six furlong dash, with Elmer K. and Nodden as chief contenders.

Horses will placed in other races are: First—Lionel; second—Mary; third—Maxine; fourth—Gunner; fifth—Matches; sixth—Dare; seventh—Pirate; eighth—Lorenz; ninth—John Arbor; tenth—Count Boris; eleventh—Mackin; twelfth—Sixth—Gray; thirteenth—Ed; fourteenth—Judge; fifteenth—Ed; sixteenth—Elinor; seventeenth—W. H. Buckner; eighteenth—Maize.

At Havana: First race—Hyeres, Margaret Nash, Mrs. Grandy; second—Kentmore, Melus, Willie Woods; third—Article X, Last Girl, Pacific; fourth—Count Boris, Muevian, Lyric; fifth—Ed, Garrison, Judge Hudson, Old Sinner; sixth—Elinor O., Felix M., Sea Urchin.

Each race has produced its prize development, but none has ever exceeded the \$2000 that is awarded to the winner of the New Orleans Fair Grounds meeting. At least one race, the six furlong dash, has produced a heavy and undoubted three-way race, a heavy and undoubted three-way race, a heavy and undoubted three-way race.

Money has six to his credit.

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